

## HELLO AGAIN

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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** I celebrated my 65th birthday on November 25. I celebrated it with my daughter, Robin, her husband Neil, and her 3 boys. In January I visited my son, Craig, his wife Kim, and my granddaughter, who now lives in Sarasota, Florida. When there I visited Jeanette and Jack Miller. Jack helped me get started in collecting OTR when he lived in Hamden. He would like to hear from his old friends. His address is 5766 Carriage Dr., Sarasota, FL 34243. Phone number is 941-358-1610...Raymond Johnson, although unable to attend our conventions, would also like to hear from his friends. Address is 167 Grieb Rd., Wallingford, CT 06492 (203) 265-5457. I hope you all had a happy holiday season. Many thanks for all the cards and good wishes.

**REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The **Third Supplement** to the **Revised Ultimate History** is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplement #1, 2 and 3 are \$15 plus \$2.00 P&H. #2 and 3 are \$11.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. **The complete book including all 3 supplements is \$58 plus \$4 P&H.**

**The Third Supplement of the Necrology** is also available for \$2.00. **The complete Necrology** is \$14.00 which includes all three supplements.

**CONVENTION 2000:** We are having our committee meeting on February 6th. If you have some ideas please let me know before then.

The dates are October 19 – 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Hotel rooms will be the same rate, possibly lower. You might want to try the 800 numbers for the various hotels early for lower rates. They are **Holiday Inn** (1-800-465-4329). As of right now, the management is offering us a price of \$130 for each night including Thursday

**Sheraton** (next door) (1-800-325-3535).

**Howard Johnson** (half-mile away; shuttle service) (1-800-446-4656). The management is giving us a price of \$100 a night. Mention AAA or AARP if applicable.

**CONVENTION 1999:** Convention Booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. FOTR Chip clips which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H.

**Video and Audio cassettes of the 24th Annual FOTR Convention are available from AVPRO. Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$60. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 6 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.**

**AVPRO, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022  
<avpro@cosmoaccess.net>**

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** **Chattanooga Airwaves**, Nov - Dec; Elizabeth McLeod begins the top 100 Radio moments (91 - 100); Christmas traditions...**The Horn Speaker**, Nov - Dec. 45 years of broadcasting by Joseph McCormack, transmitter supervisor, WCIN, Cincinnati, Ohio...**Tradition**, Nov – Dec, articles about Girls of the Golden West; Jimmie Davis; JD talks about the origin of “You Are My Sunshine;” Riley Puckett; The Roanoke Jug

band...**Radio Recall**, Dec; articles about The Quality of Recording OTR; Carl Amari Flexes Legal Muscles; Doris Day and Rosemary Clooney; Destination Freedom...**Return With Us Now**, Dec; article about The Cinnamon Bear...Jan; article about the World of Oz...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Dec; articles about 1939 in the Lives of Lum and Abner; Their Christmas Show...**The Illustrated Press**, Dec; articles about Information Please; Sports Programs; Wartime Plays of Norman Corwin...Jan; articles about Can You Top This; Wartime Plays of Norman Corwin (2)...**Air Check**, Fall; articles about Ivan Cury; Ma Perkins...**RCA Newsletter**, Nov; article about Easy Aces...Dec; article about Christmas by the radio...**Midwest Radio Theater Workshop Journal**, Fall-Winter; article about the demise of radio drama in Israel...**Tape Squeal**, Jan – Feb; articles about The Real Lone Ranger (by Fran Striker, Jr.); OTR for the Digital Age (Cont.)...**Radiogram**, Jan; articles about Don't Touch That dial; Sound effects...**Nostalgia Digest**, Feb – May; articles about Jack Benny's competition; Soap opera organists; Radio with a British Accent; Betty Hutton; Jerry Lewis; NBC chimes; Dragnet...**OTR Digest**, Fall; 13th Annual Convention Review

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Arthur Godfrey** by **Arthur Singer** is just off the press. It is a 248-page book published by McFarland & Co. \$39.95 plus P&H (1-800-253-2187 or 336-246-4460). This biography of a unique entertainer and salesman offers a clear analysis of a defining era in broadcasting and provides a clear lesson about success and ruin (quote from McFarland)...**Ray Barfield** who wrote **Listening to Radio** is now working a book about listening to early television. He is looking for personal recollections of television (to 1980) including TV sets, antennas, reception problems, family interaction with programs, and other anecdotes which show how the viewers' lives and habits were affected by the different aspects of television. Contribution of information should include a return post office address and can be sent to Ray at 102 Ft. Rutledge Rd., Clemson, SC 29631 or by email to <bray-for@clemson.edu>...**Thomas DeLong** has written a new book "**John Davis Lodge: A Life in Three Acts.**" John Lodge was governor of Connecticut but also was on radio with guest appearances on several programs and was in early talking movies. The book is \$29.95 from Enfield Distribution. Call 1-888-216-7611 or 203-371-7970

### **CONVENTIONS:**

**2000 edition of the Williamsburg Film Festival.** It's Feb. 24-26 in Williamsburg, VA at the Holiday Inn - Patriot. Major stars this year will include Gale Storm, Joseph Campanella, Harry Carey, Jr., and Johnny Western. The person to contact is Cindy Peery at 1-757-566-1855.

**14th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention**, Apr 28 - 29 at the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333

**11th Annual Radio Classics Live**, May 5 - 6 at Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA. contact Bob Bowers, Massasoit Com. college, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508-588-9100 (Ext 1906)

**20th Anniversary of the Midwest Radio Theater Workshop**, June 5 – 10 at William Woods Univ., Fulton, MO. For information contact Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11551 (516) 483-8321

**16th Annual Lum and Abner Convention** June 26 - 27 in Mena, Arkansas at the Best Western Lime Tree In. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110

**REPS Radio Showcase V111**, June 30 and July 1 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518

**25th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival**, Aug 28 – Sep 3 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363.

**25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 19 - 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

**17th Annual SPERDVAC Convention**, Nov 10 - 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, LA. More details later.

**THE INTERNET:** Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. **A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE.** If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@lofcom.com>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request@lofcom.com>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962. New Members include: **Chuck Huck** (Change) <huck\_enterprises@hotmail.com>

**WEB SITES:** Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <http://www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS** (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, #114 E Cuthbert Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production** (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>

**All listings below list sampling of shows.** **Vintage Broadcasts**; 100 Christmas Shows; Columbia Workshop; Let George Do It...**Travis Conner**; new Charlie Ruggles Shows (1944); 2 new Mr. and Mrs. North (1944)...**John Barber** sent his latest list of scripts for sale...Latest Catalog of **Rainy Day Books** (B13). Many new OTR books and pamphlets.

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** **Mike Campbell**, 302 Town and Country Village, Sunnyvale, CA 94086...**Bob Arnold**, 6301 Dana St., Oakland, CA 94609 is looking for the Magic Key show of 7/19/36 with Midge Williams; also any show on which she appeared...**Wayne Boenig**, 15 Walden Dr., Walpole, MA 02081 <wboenig@aol.com>...**Ira Furr**, 1851 Northampton St., MA 01040...**Bill Bender**, 334 Northgate Rd., Burlington, VT 05401

**OLD FRIENDS:** **Jim Blythe**, 941 Redding Rd. Asheboro, NC 27203 has a catalog of his collection on discs (Microsoft Works) for \$1.00 if you want to trade or buy.

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Gene Levitt**, Nov 15; 79; Writer (Philip Marlowe)...**David Lowinson**, Mar 19; 88; Writer for radio and TV...**William Crawford**, Nov 19, 70; CBS radio and television news writer and producer...**Gene Rayburn**, Nov 29, 82; Radio and TV host; teamed with Dee Finch on Radio. Attended our convention...**Joey Adams**, Dec 2, 88; comedian and writer (Rate Your Mate)...**John Archer**, Dec 5, 84; a frequent guest at our convention; a gentleman...**Ed Bryce**, Dec 5, 78; Appeared once at our convention to be at a reunion of Tom Corbett...**Abe Polonsky**, Dec, 90; writer (Reunion USA)...**Vale Gordon Chater**, Dec 13, 77; Australian comic and radio personality...**Peter Adams**, Dec 13, 61; Australian TV and radio personality...**Hank Snow**, Dec 20, 85; Country and Western Singer...**Rex Allen**, Dec 17, 78. Singing Cowboy; both Hank and Rex on Radio...**Leonard Goldenson**, Dec 27, 94; Founded ABC TV Network...**Donald Mills**, Nov. 13, 84; last member of the Mills Brothers...**Philip Callan**, Nov 27, 94; Radio producer and director (Paul Whiteman, Kate Smith, Jimmy Durante)...**Clayton Moore**, Dec 28, 85 (TV Lone Ranger)...**Milton Krents**, Jan 8; 88; producer of Eternal Light...**John Newland**, Jan 10; 82; TV actor and director. He also did radio but I can't find documentation...**"Skipper Frank" Herman**, Jan 4; 83; also in radio but no documentation...**Hedy Lamarr**, Jan 19; 86; actress; on several Lux

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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